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Title: GRAPHICAL USER
INTERFACE INCLUDING
PALETTE WINDOWS
WITH AN IMPROVED
NAVIGATION
INTERFACE

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF
JULY 12, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Communication of July 12, 2004, to provide a Summary of the Telephone Interview of June 29, 2004. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal for the present case on June 30, 2004.

Telephone Interview Summary

On June 29, 2004, a Telephone Interview was conducted with Examiner Vu and Mark S. Williams (Patent Agent #50,658). No exhibit was shown. The Examiner cited col 9, lines 43053 of Filepp as evidence for motivation for the 103(a) rejection. Applicant noted that the cited passage described a service interface for interacting with a network, e.g., for navigating from page to page (i.e., navigating web pages), performing a transaction, etc., and that this in no way described or even hinted at navigation through hierarchical palettes. The Examiner then asserted that Filepp's page navigation could be

interpreted as hierarchical navigation since the user invokes display of a “next” page from a “current” page. Applicant suggested that web pages are specifically not palettes, that such page navigation (via “next” and “previous” buttons) is linear, not hierarchical, and that such a hierarchical navigation through palettes is a multi-dimensional navigation scheme, in direct contrast with the one-dimensional (linear) page navigation of Filepp. No agreement was reached.

CONCLUSION

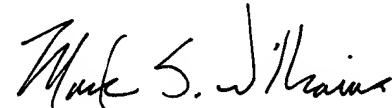
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-43100/JCH.

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Respectfully submitted,



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